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Number of Parts: 1 - *Number of Images Available:* 37

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Language: Latin *Country:* Italy *Century:* 15th

Part 1: ff. 1-80v

Description: - Parchment - 235 x 152 mm - 26 long lines per page, ruled in drypoint. Catchwords visible. Collation: eight quinternions.

Country: Italy

Cardinal point:

Region: Veneto

City: Padua

Assigned Date: s. $XV^{4/4}$

Searchable Date Range: 1475 - 1499

Dated by scribe: No

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Number of Scribes: ;1

Scribe(s): Francesco Buzzacarini

Script: Bastarda all'antica; rustic capitals

Artist(s): Giovanni VendraminDouce Master

Figurative Decoration: 38 miniatures of constellations

Other Decoration: 7-line green initial on elaborate blue/red field on f. 1. Throughout, 1-line blue initials.

Notes: The ms is dated to ca. 1475-80; scribal attribution to F. Buzzacarini by Dr. A. C. de la Mare. Latin

Number of Texts: 1

Text 1: ff. 1-76v

Author: Hyginus

Title: De astronomia

Title: Hygini De Sideribus Tractatus Incipit. Hyginus M. Fabio plurimam salutem dicit.

Language(s): Latin

Incipit: Etsi te studio grammaticae artis inductus non solum versuum moderatione quam pauci pervidere

Explicit: quae videri post signorum effusionem urnae aquarii quia ad ipsum usque decurrit accipies.

f. 1 Opening of text, with opening letter as a "littera mantiniana" or faceted initial

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f. 30v Page of text with 1-line initial, rubric, and catchword.

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f. 41 Miniature of Arctophylax represented as an Antique hero, nude and armed; this and 4 other constellations (the first 5 in the book) presented against a blue sky ground, delimited on three sides by a red tasselled rope.

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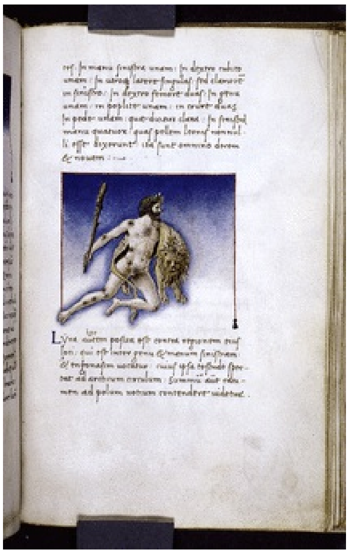
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f. 41v Miniature of Corona or the Crown, with text and 1-line blue initial.

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f. 42 Miniature of Engonasin or Hercules, in flight, nude and holding club and lion's skin, with text and 1-line blue initial.

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f. 42v Miniature of Lyra, or the Lyre, with text and 1-line blue initial.

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f. 43 Miniature of Holor, or the Swan, with text and 1-line blue initial.

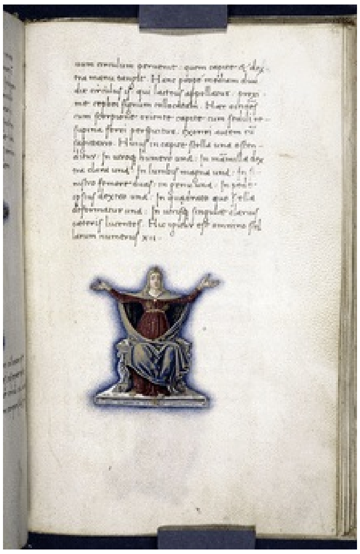
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f. 43v Miniature of Cepheus, attributable to the Douce Master.

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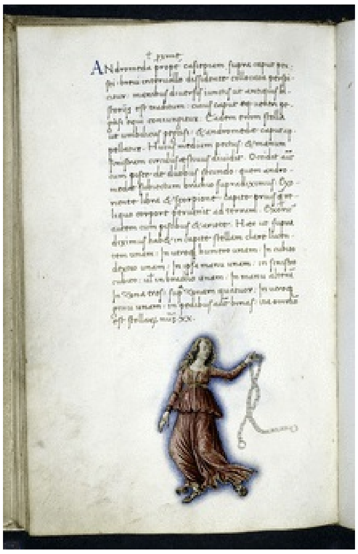
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f. 44v Miniature of Andromeda, with text and 1-line blue initial.

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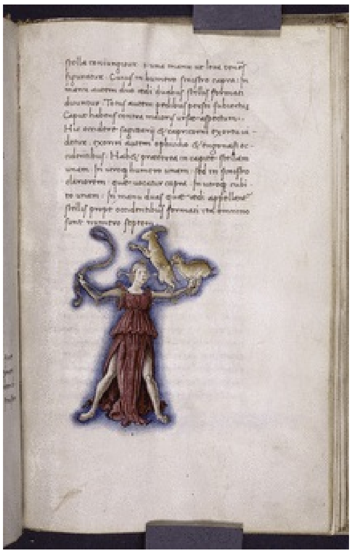
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f. 46 Miniature of Heniochus or Auriga, the charioteer, attributable to the Douce Master.

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f. 47 Miniature of Ophiucus, or the Serpent Holder and Sagitta, or the Arrow, with text and 1-line blue initial.

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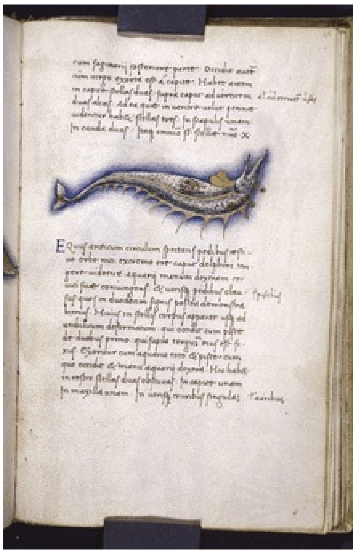
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f. 47v Miniature of Aquila, or the Eagle, with text and 1-line blue initials.

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f. 48 Miniature of the Dolphin, with text and 1-line blue initial.

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f. 48v Miniature of Equus, or the Winged Horse, with text and 1-line blue initial.

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f. 49 Miniature of Deltoton and Aries, or the Triangle and the Sheep, with text and 1-line blue initials.

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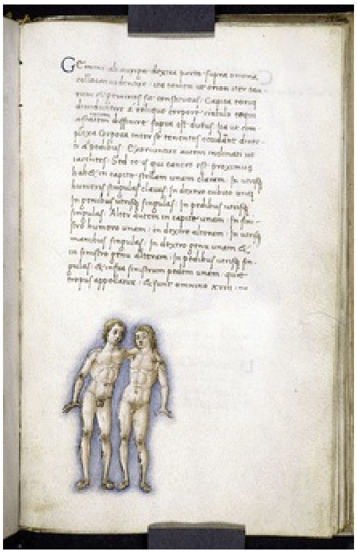
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f. 49v Miniature of Taurus, or the Bull, with text.

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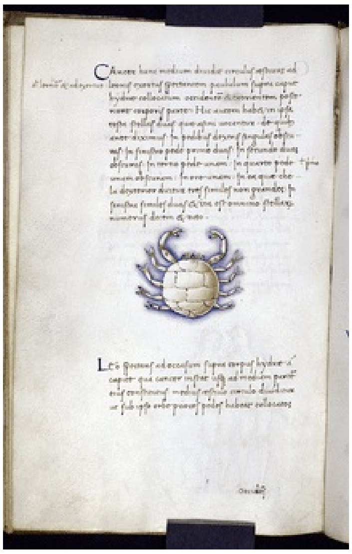
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f. 50 Miniature of Gemini, or the Twins, with text and 1-line blue initial.

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f. 50v Miniature of Cancer, with text, catchword and 1-line blue initials.

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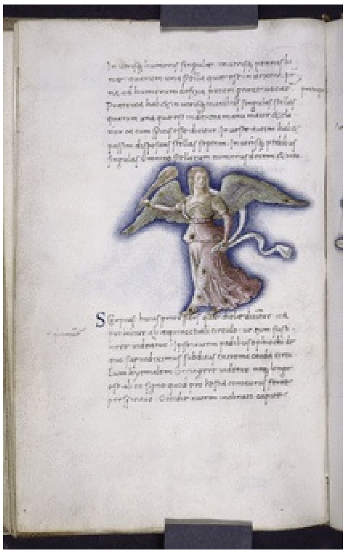
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f. 51 Miniature of Leo, with text and 1-line blue initial.

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f. 51v Miniature of Virgo, with text and 1-line blue initial.

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f. 52 Miniature of Scorpio, with text and 1-line blue initial.

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f. 52v Miniature of Sagittarius, with text and 1-line blue initial.

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f. 53 Miniature of Capricorn, with text and 1-line blue initial.

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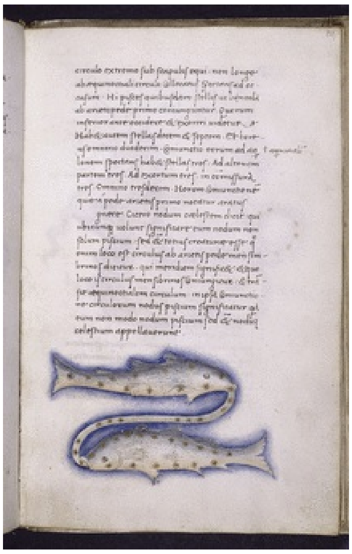
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f. 53v Miniature of Aquarius, with text and 1-line blue initial.

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f. 54 Miniature of Pisces, with text.

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f. 54v Miniature of Pistrix, with text and 1-line blue initials.

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f. 55 Miniature of Heridanus, and of Lepus, or the Rabbit, with text and 1-line blue initial.

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f. 55v Miniature of Orion, with text and 1-line blue initial.

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f. 56 Miniature of Canis, or a hound, with text and 1-line blue initial.

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f. 56v Miniature of Prochion, with text and 1-line blue initials.

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f. 57 Miniature of Argo, or a ship, with text and 1-line blue initial.

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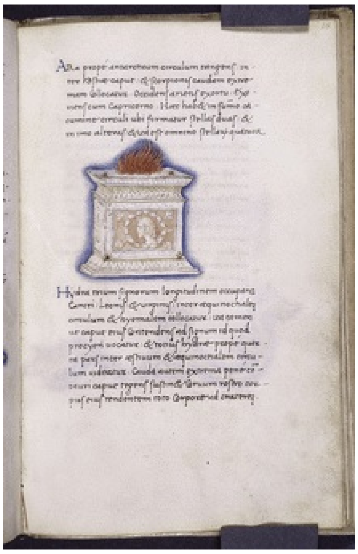
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f. 58 Miniature of Ara, or the altar, with text and 1-line blue initials.

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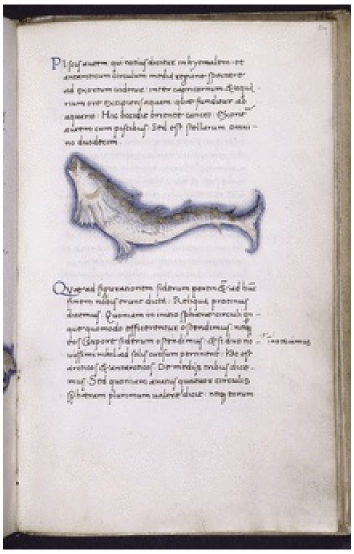
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f. 58v Miniature of Hydra with Crater and Corvus, with text.

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f. 59 Miniature of Piscis nothus, or a fish, with text and 1-line blue initials.

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